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SUBJECT: TURKISH TALKING PAPER ON NATO TRAINING FACILITY

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1. TURKISH EMBASSY HAS PRESENTED DEPARTMENT WITH TALKING
PAPER (BEING POUCHED USNATO) ON TURKEY'S OFFER TO PROVIDE
FACILITIES FOR A NATO AIRCREW ELECTRONIC WARFARE TACTICAL
FACILITY (NAEWTF). THE PAPER DESCRIBES HOW A TEAM OF NATO
EXPERTS HAS MADE STUDIES IN THE KONYA REGION IN CENTRAL
ANATOLIA WHERE A MILITARY TRAINING SITE ALREADY EXISTS.
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THEIR REPORT OF JAN '76 ACCORDING TO TURKS CONCLUDED THAT
THE KONYA SITE IS WELL SUITED FOR THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE
TRAINING. THE PAPER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE ONLY OTHER
FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO SACEUR'S REQUEST FOR SUITABLE AREAS
CAME FROM GREECE, AND A REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED ON THE
PREVEZE AND TIMBAKION AREAS IN THAT COUNTRY.

2. TURKISH PAPER GOES ON TO STATE THAT (A) "TURKEY PLACES HIGH IMPORTANCE TO THE PREFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE KONYA TRAINING FACILITIES", AND (B) "IT NEED HARDLY BE REMINDED THAT SELECTION OF AN AREA IN GREEK TERRITORY FOR MILITARY TRAINING PURPOSES WHEN THAT COUNTRY HAS ALREADY PULLED OUT OF THE MILITARY STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE

IS HIGHLY PARADOXAL (SIC)". THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY WELCOMING A U.S. DELEGATION FOR FURTHER STUDY IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

3. AS MENTIONED IN THE TALKING PAPER, THE NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG) UNDER THE CNAD WILL CONSIDER THE NATO REPORTS ON VARIOUS NAEWTF PROPOSED SITES AT ITS MARCH 16-17, 1977 MEETING. DEFENSE IS DEVELOPING US POSITION FOR THAT MEETING. IN ADDITION TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH PROPOSALS, THE NAFAG WILL ALSO CONSIDER A PROPOSED SOLUTION FOR A NEAR-TERM MULTIPLE SITE IN CENTRAL EUROPE (AC/224-D/396, 16 DEC 76) WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, UK AND US.

4. SINCE THE US POSITION FOR THE NAFAG MEETING IS STILL BEING FORMED WE INTEND TO THANK THE TURKISH EMBASSY FOR BRINGING THE TALKING PAPER TO OUR ATTENTION AND ASSURE THEM THAT IT WILL RECEIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION AS THE U.S. POSITION IS DEVELOPED.

5. WE WILL KEEP MISSION INFORMED AS TO POSITION WE DECIDE TO TAKE.

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